



Chevy Chase Village

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Happy Valentine's Day

*Tentative Agenda
Board of Managers' Meeting
Chevy Chase Village Hall*

Monday, February 13, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Treasurer's Report

Committee Reports

Appeals

6311 Broad Branch Rd. (Extension Request, x2)

5501 Park Street

142 Grafton Street

Old Business

New Business

Chairman's Report

Manager's Report

Police Report

Building Permits/Code Enforcement

Mark Your Calendar and

See the Enclosed Flyers

Movie Matinee/Game Night (two-sided flyer):

Sunday, February 12 and Saturday, February 25

Connecticut Avenue Restoration

2006 Resident Directory Form

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Permit Fee Modifications

For some time now, neighboring municipalities have been dealing with the disruption and intimidating changes to their communities from “mansionization”. Chevy Chase Village has been largely spared this experience, but this may be changing. Two new homes were recently completed on previously undeveloped lots on the west side of the Village and a third was built on the east side of the Village following demolition of the original 1950's-era house.

In a two-pronged effort, the Board of Managers has been working in recent months to cull regulations from the Village Code seen as burdensome to our residents for conventional home improvement projects, and also to strengthen our review process for “mega-projects”. Unlike routine maintenance and repair projects (fences, walkways, roof repairs, etc.), major home renovations, additions, demolitions and reconstructions all have significant potential to affect light, shade, storm water drainage, tree cover, etc., after the project is complete in addition to unsettling commotion and disruptions during the work itself.

Integral to this review of our permitting process has been a reassessment of the fees charged currently for certain building permits and for public hearings required for special permits and variances. Included in this reassessment over and above the growing staff time spent working directly with our residents and their architects and contractors, are allocations for appropriate use of professional support from the Village's arborist for tree impact and preservation; civil engineers to mitigate adverse effects of storm water runoff and legal counsel to prepare for public hearings, when required, and to document the resulting decisions.

At the January 9, 2006 Board of Managers meeting, the Board authorized the increase of fees in two specific situations. Approximately a dozen other categories remain under review and discussion on those will continue at subsequent Board meetings. The first to change is the fee charged for a Special Permit pursuant to a public hearing for the demolition of more than 50% of an existing structure. This fee was set at \$2,250. The second fee change was for the construction of new homes, which was set at \$5,000. Whole-structure demolitions and new construction were the two first addressed as these two together represent the extreme of complexity, duration and disruption of all home “improvement” projects. The Board and Village staff welcome your comments and encourage you to call or email the office for information on all other fees under review.

Connecticut Avenue Restoration

The Connecticut Avenue restoration project gained significant support recently and with this development, continues its move to becoming a reality. Please see the separate enclosed article for additional information.

Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers' Meeting, 2nd Monday of the month, 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall
Telephone: 301-654-7300, Fax: 301-907-9721, E-mail: ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov, Website: www.ccvillage.org

In The Village

Brookville Road Pedestrian Safety

The Brookville Road Working Group met on January 17. Andy Harney, Manager of Section 3 of the Village of Chevy Chase discussed their experiences installing sidewalks along Brookville Road in regard to the construction, access and easement issues.

The Working Group was advised that the Board of Managers had authorized reallocation of \$40K from reserves to a Brookville Road line item and provided authorization to enter into a contract with the engineering firm, Rummel, Klepper & Kahl (RK&K), for surveying of the roadway stretching from Western Avenue to Bradley Lane. The survey work is due to start on or about Tuesday, January 31. Depending on weather, it will take approximately three weeks to complete all the field work.

The Working Group's next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Hall. All residents are welcome to attend. A report of the Group's January 17 meeting and a status update on the survey work will occur at the Board of Managers' February 13 meeting.

Third Annual Spring Cleaning Event

The last two years' Spring Cleaning events have been a huge success. The annual drive continues this year. The Public Works Department will again collect items throughout the Village on **Wednesday, March 29, 2006**. This year's drive will again benefit the organization AMVETS, which has supported active and veteran military personnel since 1947.

Keep an eye out for the event flyer that will be mailed toward the end of February. We look forward to another successful donation drive and hope this year's collection will be even better than the last!

Modification to the Urban Forest Code

At its January 9 meeting, the Board adopted Resolution No. 01-01-06, an ordinance to amend Section 17-7 of the Village Code to prohibit the pruning of any tree in the Village Public Tree Inventory without a permit from the Village Manager.

The purpose of this ordinance is to prohibit excessive and injurious pruning of trees within the Vil-

lage's public right-of-way. Excessive pruning can negatively affect its value, appearance, future health and contribution to the Village's urban forest.

The ordinance applies only to trees included on the Village's Public Tree Inventory list. If you would like to verify if a tree in the right-of-way adjacent to your property is on the list, and /or for copies of the Urban Forest Code, please contact the Village office.

REMINDERS

- Notify the Village office at (301) 654-7300 if you have a medical requirement for emergency services so we may alert utility companies working in the Village.
- Some residents have been solicited to have house numbers painted on the curb in front of their property. This is prohibited by Section 12-5 of the Village Code. Contractors painting on the Village curbs will be issued a municipal citation by the Village Police.
- Pursuant to Village Code Section 8-10, dumpster use requires a permit. Please remind your contractor that a permit must be received from the Village Office prior to placing a dumpster on private property. Dumpsters are prohibited on public property, including Village streets at ALL times. Dumpster switch-outs are prohibited in the Village's public right-of-way, including roadways.
- Contact the Village office at prior to removing trees on private property or beginning any home improvement projects to discuss Village permit requirements.
- Grey recycle bin lids are available from the Communications Center. Please make sure your recycle bins are placed in an easily accessible location. If recycling haulers cannot find the bins, collection of recyclables may be hampered.
- Free "No Solicitors" stickers are available in the Village Office for residents wishing to put them in a window near the front door to their home. The sticker is in addition to the list maintained by Communications.
- Residents are encouraged to use the Community Bulletin Board, located just inside the entrance to the Village Hall, for notices or advertisements. Postings must be reviewed and approved by Village staff prior to posting.
- Please remind your landscaping and home improvement contractors that work is not permitted prior to 8:00 a.m. on weekdays and 9:00 a.m. on weekends, nor after 9:00 p.m.

In The Village

Rent the Village Hall For Your Next Event

The Village Hall is the perfect setting for your next meeting or party and is available to all Village residents. Our two large rooms are available for:



- birthday parties,
- sweet 16 parties,
- weddings and wedding receptions,
- anniversary parties,
- graduation parties,
- bar and bat mitzvah receptions,
- business/organization meetings, and
- any event you can think of! There is even a small room to hold smaller children's birthday parties.

The Village Hall is sure to enhance your event. Please contact Doris Lyerly in the Village office at (301) 654-7300 for additional information and to reserve your date.

Committee on Children, Youth and Families

The Committee will hold a Movie Matinee at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 12 and, **NEW!** this month, the Committee will host a Game Night for children ages 8 and older on Sunday, February 25 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. See the enclosed two-sided flyer for additional information on both events. **Save the date:** Parents' Night Out on Saturday, March 18.

Do you have games/toys that you are no longer using? Please consider donating them to CYF for use at Parents' Night Out, Game Night, Toddler Group and other events. Please bring your donations to the Village Hall or contact either Amy Cooper (acbelle@aol.com) or Karen Spangler (kareenspangler@comcast.net). You may also contact Ms. Cooper and Ms. Spangler if you are interested in volunteering for future CYF events.

Toddler Group

The weekly Toddler Group meets on Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. to 12 noon. All Village parents and caregivers are welcome to attend.

If you have any questions or would like additional information regarding the Toddlers' Group, please contact Elizabeth Bausch at (301) 656-5643.

2006 Chevy Chase Village Resident Directory

The 2006 Village Resident Directory will be distributed at the Annual Meeting on April 17, 2006 and will be available for pick-up in the Village office after that date.

Enclosed in this issue of the *Crier* is an update form to be completed and returned to the Village office no later than **March 13, 2006** so changes and corrections may be made to your listing prior to the printing of the new Resident Directory.

Building Facilities Commission

The Building Facilities Commission meets the second Monday of each month, at 9:30 a.m. in the Village Hall. Their next meeting will be held on February 13. All residents are invited to attend.

Latex Paint Disposal

Montgomery County Solid Waste Management no longer allows the collection and disposal of latex paint along with other hazardous waste. This means that the Village Public Works Department is not allowed to collect latex paint.

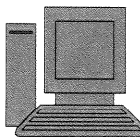
The only authorized disposal procedure is to remove the tops from latex paint cans and allow the contents to dry. Once completely dried, the tops should be replaced and the cans placed with the regular trash. Any questions regarding this procedure should be directed to the Communications Center. We thank you for your cooperation in advance.

Appeal Deadline

The appeal deadline for the March 13, 2006 Board of Managers meeting is close of business on Monday, February 27, 2006.

Crier Deadline

The deadline to submit articles for the March 2006 issue of the *Crier* is close of business on Monday, February 27, 2006.



New E-Mail Addresses

The Village Office may be contacted by e-mail at ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov.

You may also contact the Village Manager by email at geoff.biddle@montgomerycountymd.gov.

In The Village

Board Actions - January 9, 2006 Board of Managers' Meeting

Minutes: December 12, 2005 Meeting: Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Distributed prior to meeting.

Committee Reports: Building Facilities Commission—Commission Chair, Mary Anne Tuohey, advised the Board of the recent and proposed activities of her Commission and the Committee on Children, Youth and Families. **Brookville Road Working Group**—Committee Chair, Douglas B. Kamerow briefed the Board on the items discussed at their meeting on December 13. The Board authorized reallocation of \$40k from reserves to a Brookville Road line item and to enter into a contract with Rummel, Klepper & Kahl for surveying of the roadway. Upon completion of the survey, the Group will be able to determine how best to proceed. (See the article on page 3 for additional information regarding the Group's January meeting).

Old Business: Connecticut Avenue Restoration-Private Fundraising—Village residents Lee Jundanian, Rob Josephs and Catherine West briefed the Board on a project they sought to pursue. The project's objective is to establish a tax-deductible foundation to which residents can donate funds to cover costs for the Connective Avenue project. The Board welcomed the idea and applauded their initiative. **Resolution No. 01-01-06:** An ordinance to amend Section 17-7 of the Village Code to prohibit the pruning of any tree in the Village Inventory without a permit from the Village Manager—Approved (see page 2 for additional information). **Resolution No. 01-02-06:** Amendment of fee schedule relating to the Village Building Code—Approved (see the cover for additional information).

Tree Type Distinctions: Canopy vs. Ornamental—Mr. Biddle advised the Board that the Code's current requirement for a permit to remove all trees over 24-inches in circumference is contrary to the Code's objective to preserve the Village's canopy. The requirement makes no distinction between canopy and ornamental trees (i.e., Crepe Myrtle, Japanese Red Maple, Flowering Dogwood, etc.), therefore, requiring several residents to appeal the removal of ornamental trees. The Board directed Counsel to draft an Ordinance providing a distinction between ornamental and canopy trees for its review and adoption in February. **New Business:**

Resolution No. 01-03-06: Resolution of Intent (National Flood Insurance Program)—Approved (see the following article for additional information).

Manager's Report: Mr. Biddle updated the Board on the Primrose Street Stormwater Project which hit a snag when the crews hit a resident's sewer line. The crew will have to back-up 150 feet to excavate deeper to bring the line beneath the sewer line. The sewer line was an old copper line that Miss Utility was unaware of.

Police Report: Distributed prior to the meeting.

National Flood Insurance Program

At its January 9 meeting, the Board adopted Resolution No. 01-03-06, a resolution of intent to include the Village in the National Flood Insurance Program. While the Village is not in a 100-year floodplain, the approval of this Resolution thereby allows residents to obtain federally guaranteed flood insurance as authorized by the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968. This resolution also allows residents to obtain mortgages though the *Fannie Mae Foundation*.

FORM 502 MARYLAND RESIDENT INCOME TAX RETURN

OR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING

2005, ENDING

SOCIAL SECURITY #		SPOUSE'S SOCIAL SECURITY #	
Your First Name	Initial	Last Name	
Spouse's First Name	Initial	Last Name	
PRESENT ADDRESS (No. and street)			
City or Town		State	Zip Code
Name of county and incorporated city, town or special taxing area in which you were a resident on the last day of the taxable period. (See Instruction 6)		Maryland county	City, town or taxing area Chevy Chase Village

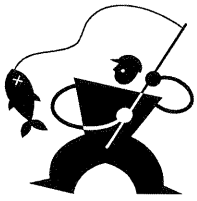
Tax Return Reminder

When preparing your State of Maryland tax return for 2005, please remember to enter **Chevy Chase Village** in the proper block of **Form 502/503** as shown here.



Police Beat—Chevy Chase Village

To e-mail Police Chief Roy Gordon: roy.gordon@montgomerycountymd.gov



Tax Refund “Phishing”

On November 28, 2005, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Computer Security Incident Response Center (CSIRC) was made aware of a new Internet “Phishing” scam targeting taxpayers. The goal of the scam is to obtain personal and financial information via a fake IRS website. The attacker sends an email to individuals posing as an IRS representative informing them of a tax refund. In this attempt you are directed to a website that requests personal information including Social Security Numbers (SSN) and Credit Card information. This website may also attempt to infect your system with a malicious code. It is not the practice of the IRS to request this type of information via email. A sample of this email is provided in the opposite column.

Care should be taken when disclosing personal information. Identity thieves use stolen personal data to access financial accounts, run up charges on credit cards and to apply for loans. The IRS is aware of several identity theft scams targeting taxpayers. In one case, fraudsters sent bank customers fictitious correspondence and IRS forms in an attempt to trick them into disclosing their financial data. In another, abusive tax preparers used clients’ Social Security numbers and other information to file false tax returns without the clients’ knowledge. Sometimes scammers pose as the IRS itself. Last year, the IRS shut down a scheme in which perpetrators used e-mail to announce to taxpayers that they were “under audit” and could set matters right by divulging sensitive financial information on an official-looking Web site. Taxpayers should note the IRS does not use e-mail to contact them concerning issues related to their accounts.

If you have any doubt whether a contact from the IRS is authentic, you should call (800) 829-1040 to confirm it.

What should you do if you receive this message?

1. If there are any attachments, do not open them. Immediately report receipt of such communication to the CSIRC by forwarding the original message as an attachment to an e-mail addressed to CSIRC at csirc@csirc.irs.gov. A CSIRC analyst may contact you to gather additional information regarding the message if necessary. (www.csirc.web.irs.gov/spam/)
2. Ensure that your system is running the latest Symantec Antivirus (SAV) client, to include Program Version (8.0.1.425) with the latest Virus Definition Files (as of 11/29/05 the current is 11/23/2005 rev. 19), and a managed client: www.csirc.web.irs.gov/resources/sav_client.html
3. Ensure that your system is a Tivoli client: www.csirc.web.irs.gov/resources/tivoli_endpoint.html

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What does this e-mail look like?

----- Original Message -----

From: <tax-refunds@irs.gov>

To:

Sent:

Subject: [IRS] Tax Refund

You are eligible to receive a tax refund for \$571.94.

To access the form for your tax return use the link below:

<http://www.govbenefits.gov/govbenefits/externalLink.jhtml?url=h%74t%70.%2F%2F%77%77%77%77%2Eporterfam%2E%6F%72%67%2F2005%2F%3Fcmd=/cgibin/2005/trefund/id=96596,00> (copy and paste this link in your browser address bar) 12 days left to apply for your refund. You may not receive your refund as quickly as you expected. A refund can be delayed for a variety of reasons.

For example, a name and Social Security number listed on the tax return may not match the IRS records. You may have failed to electronically sign the return or applied after the deadline.

This email has been sent by the Internal Revenue Service, a bureau of the Department of the Treasury.

Pet ID Program

The January 2006 issue of the *Crier* included an enrollment form for the Village Police Department’s Pet ID Program, a photo album consisting of residents’ pets and their identifying information, to assist in reuniting pets with their owners. If you have not already, please complete the form, attaching a photo of your pet and return it to the Communications Center. Digital photos can be emailed to ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov along with the requested information.



Snow Removal on Sidewalks

Sidewalks must be cleared of excess snow. Residents are responsible for clearing all snow and ice from the sidewalk in front of or abutting their property within the first forty-eight (48) hours after the cessation of falling snow. Residents who occupy corner lots are responsible for the sidewalk in front of and on the side of their property.

Community News



Chevy Chase Community Library February 2006

The Chevy Chase Library is located at 8005 Connecticut Avenue. All programs are free. For further information or for reservations, contact the library at (301) 986-4313.

Great Books Discussion Group: Wednesday, February 8 at 7:30 p.m.: A BRIEF HISTORY OF TIME by Hawking. Call (240) 773-9590 for more information.

Toddler Time: Tuesdays and Thursdays, February 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28: Ages 18-36 months. Each program will be given twice (10:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.) on each day and Tuesday's program will be repeated on Thursday. Free tickets are distributed prior to the program.

Born to Read: Saturday, February 25 at 9:30 a.m.: Introduce your child (newborn to 18 months) to the joy of language and books with this program featuring rhymes, songs, bounces, movement and short stories.

Preschool Storytime: Monday, February 27 at 7:30 p.m.: Stories, rhymes and other activities. Come in pajamas, if you like. For ages 3 to 6.

Audubon Storytime: Saturday, February 25 at 7:30 p.m.: Audubon Naturalist Society Storyteller-in-residence Ellouise Schoettler spins tales from nature, folklore and delights children with tall tales.

Special Event—Chinese New Year: Saturday, February 4 at 11:00 a.m.: Celebrate The Year of the Dog with a Lion Dance performed by the Chinese Youth Club.

Administrative Office Closings

The Administrative Office will be closed on Monday, February 20, 2006 in observance of Presidents' Day.

As always, the Communications Center and Police Department remain open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

MVA on Wheels



The Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration's mobile service will be at the Friendship Heights Village Center on Monday, February 27, 2006 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

In addition to license renewals, motorists may drop off old tags and avail themselves of several other services. For schedule or additional information, visit the MVA website at: www.mva.state.md.us/location/montcty.htm or by phone at 1 (800) 950-1682, ext 2.



B-CC High School PTSA Used Book Sale & Café

The annual B-CC High School Used Book Sale and Café will be held on March 26, 2006. Donations are still being accepted. The school will collect books on the following days:

Saturday, Feb. 11, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 12, 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon
Saturday, Feb. 25, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Drop-offs: From East-West Highway, right on Chelton St., 2nd driveway on left. Volunteers will unload curbside. Tax deduction forms will be available. Please NO encyclopedias, textbooks or magazines. The school desires books in good condition on virtually any subject. Good medium sized boxes, especially those used for copy paper, are also needed and may be brought to the school at anytime.

For more information, please email Steve Swartz at swartz@erols.com, Peggy Hsieh McIntosh at peggy_hsieh@yahoo.com or Linda Wolpert at lgwmoose@yahoo.com.

Chevy Chase Historical Society

The Chevy Chase Historical Society is now located in the Chevy Chase Library at 8005 Connecticut Ave. The office is open on Tuesdays from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. and by appointment. The telephone number is (301) 656-6141.



Stopping The Examiner

The Communications Center continues to receive complaints from residents regarding delivery of the tabloid The Examiner.

The Village cannot prevent delivery, but we are aware that the delivery continues to be a nuisance to some and sympathize with our residents' frustration over the unsolicited, seemingly "littering" fashion of the paper's delivery. Several residents have found success in stopping the unwanted delivery by contacting the newspaper's circulation contractor.

If you are presently receiving the paper and wish to discontinue delivery, or if you have requested that delivery be stopped and it has not, please contact Wilcan Services at (703) 441-9229 or wilcann1@aol.com.

Public Works Department/Trash Schedule

While several Village residents have called to compliment the Unity staff for a job well done, your input is important when we evaluate our contracted services. Please report missed services to the Communications Center at (301) 654-7300. Please leave your gates unlocked so the Unity staff can enter your property to collect your refuse and recycling.

Special pickups are made on Wednesdays. Residents must submit their request either by phone or via the Village website by 2 p.m. on the preceding Tuesday to ensure pick up.

Neither **trash** nor **recycling** collection will be affected the week of Presidents' Day, February 20-24. Special pickups will not be affected and will be collected on its regularly scheduled day—Wednesday, February 22.

State Tax Credit Information

The Maryland Historical Trust has a list of "Frequently Asked Questions" about rehabilitation tax credits offered by the state. Tax credit application, materials and brochure can also be found at this site.

For additional information, call the Office of Preservation Services at (410) 514-7627 or access the "Tax Credit" section at: www.marylandhistoricaltrust.net.

Chevy Chase Village
5906 Connecticut Avenue
Chevy Chase, MD 20815

*Remember to enter Chevy Chase Village
on your Maryland Income Tax Return Form 502/503.*

FORM 502			MARYLAND RESIDENT INCOME TAX RETURN		
OR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING			2005, ENDING		
SOCIAL SECURITY #		SPOUSE'S SOCIAL SECURITY #			
Your First Name	Initial	Last Name			
Spouse's First Name	Initial	Last Name			
PRESENT ADDRESS (No. and street)					
City or Town		State	Zip Code		
Name of county and incorporated city, town or special taxing area in which you were a resident on the last day of the taxable period. (See Instruction 6)		Maryland county	City, town or taxing area		
			Chevy Chase Village		

Building Permits Issued by the Village Manager January 2006

142 Grafton St.....2-story rear addition, 2-story rear deck
30 Hesketh St.....2-story addition over existing garage, renovation
5615 Kirkside Dr.....Renovation and addition
5616 Western Ave.....Replace fence in side and rear yards
6000 Connecticut Ave.....Renovate bathroom
4007 Oliver St.....Replace fence in rear yard
8 Hesketh St.....Expand patio in rear yard
29 Primrose St.....Renovation and 1-story kitchen addition
117 Hesketh St.....Walkway, patio, landscaping, install gates
5511 Center St.....Replace asphalt driveway with concrete
3 Primrose St.....Enclose rear porch, addition to rear
5416 Center St./5600 Kirkside Dr.....Replace fence along property line
3905 Oliver St.....Landscape, walkway, fountain, patio

Cardboard Box Collection

Flattened boxes that are approximately less than the size of a 13" television set, should be placed with your paper recycling. Five or more flattened boxes should be bundled when left for recycling. If they are not collected, please notify the Communications Center immediately.

If you have a large amount or large-sized boxes, please request a Special Pick Up (SPU, see article in opposite column) to ensure collection. Cardboard boxes collected by SPU, are placed in the paper compactor located in the Public Works Yard and are recycled.

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Permit No. 7078
SUBURBAN MD

